Perunjani Reservoir.

259. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to construct the Perunjani Reservoir ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Was there not a scheme under the consideration of Government known as the Perunjani Reservoir Scheme ? May I know whether the scheme was dropped ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : This Scheme will solve the problem only partially. It is doubtful whether the relief afforded would justify the expenditure. The matter is under further consideration of the Government.

Women Police in the State.

260 *MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Women Police in the State at present ;

(*b*) what their duties are ; and

(*c*) where they are on duty at present ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: (*a*) 1.

(*b*) They are deputed to guard women prisoners who are treated in the female ward of the Hospital. Their services are utilised for arresting and searching female prisoners and for escorting them from the lock-ups. They are also deputed to do bandobust duty at places where large numbers of women are expected and at the camps of distinguished Lady State Guests.

(*c*) They are at present attached to the Head Quarters Office undergoing training in all branches of police work.

Ezhava Act Amending Bill.

261 *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which the Ezhava Act Amending Bill was introduced in the Legislature ; and

(*b*) why it has not made progress so far in its natural course through the Legislature ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*) : (*a*) 7th August 1940.

(*b*) Government understand that the Select Committee to which the Bill was referred by the Assembly has not yet submitted its report.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether the select committee has now submitted its report ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI : No, Sir, it has not.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know why it has not ?

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